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Delegation to Melbourne

1789. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sent any delegation to Melbourne to acquire first hand knowledge in view of Commonwealth Games at Delhi in 2010;

(b) whether the delegation has submitted any report to Government; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Delegations of agencies concerned with the preparation for the Commonwealth Games, 2010 (CWG 2010), namely, the Sports Authority of India, the Government of NCT of Delhi, the Delhi Development Authority and CPWD have visited Melbourne. The Organising Committee have also deputed secondees and observers drawn from different departments and disciplines. In addition, an official delegation was deputed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in two batches to witness and observe the Melbourne Games.

(b) and (c) Officials of CPWD and DDA have submitted their reports to their respective administrative Ministries. SAI have submitted a detailed report to this Ministry containing observations, comments and recommendations relevant to the organization of CWG 2010. Based on the studies undertaken by delegations, inputs have been obtained for plans for sports venues, infrastructure and management to be developed by these agencies for CWG 2010.

Poor performance by India in Sports events

1790. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to find out the reasons for poor performance of India in the Athens Olympic Games and other International events;